



# *Our Lady of the Snow*

*175 Blue Point Avenue  
Blue Point, New York 11715  
Telephone: 631-363-6385*

*November 15, 2020 thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
"Blessed are those who fear the Lord."*



**DAILY MASSES:**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM  
in Large Church

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday 5:00 PM in Large Church  
Sunday 7:30 AM in Large Church  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM in Large Church

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
in Large Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Monday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
in Mother Church

**ROSARY:**

Tuesday Nov 17, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

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Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**(631) 363-6394**

**Director of Music:**

Mrs. Theresa Martin

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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Monday - Thursday in the cottage

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Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Friday closed in July and August

***Catholic Marriage for couples  
married outside the Church:***

*If you have a civil marriage but now desire a Catholic sacramental marriage, call the Rectory for more information about a Convalidation. Convalidation is having a couple's marriage recognized and blessed by the Church through the Catholic Rite of Marriage.*

***Marriage:***

*Arrangements must be made at least six to twelve months in advance. It is advisable to call the church prior to arranging the reception.*

***Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.):***

*Persons interested in becoming Catholic and adults who have not received Confirmation or First Eucharist, please contact the rectory office.*

***Communion for the Homebound:***

*To make arrangements to have Communion brought to the home, please call the parish office at 363-6385, ext. 110. For emergency sick calls, please call the parish at any time.*

***Baptisms:***

*Call the rectory office to schedule a Baptism*



*Major Meghan Ederle*

*Major Kyle Brown*

*Major Robert Gervasio*

*Capt. Evan Bernstein*

*Lt. Sean Brown*

*LTJG Shannon Wojciechowski*

*LTJG Douglas Wojciechowski*

*LTJG Thomas Adair*

*DO, CPT, MC Kate Desmond-Baker*

*TSgt. Mark C. Erickson*

*SMSGT Harold L. Erickson*

*E3/ACAN Connor Rooney USN*

*Sgt. Samuel Campanella*

*Lt. Robert Fleming*

*Lt. Ross Oley*

**Pray for Our Sick**

*We pray for all who are sick, for their healing in both body and spirit....*

**Elva Echeverria**

**In Sympathy**

*For all who have died this past week, that they rejoice in the heavenly banquet...*



*Altar Bread and Wine*

*In Memory of our departed Loved Ones*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church*

*In Memory of our departed Loved Ones*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 6774**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

During the Covid 19 crisis our food pantry has remained open to assist those in need in our community.

**We are in most need of ;**

- Salmon
- Potatoes
- Chili
- Water
- Pasta
- Toothpaste
- Paper towels
- Cleaning supplies

All donations may be left outside the pantry doors in the large church before mass at the weekends, or during the week outside the doors of the

**Large Church  
Monday – Thursday  
10am-1pm.**

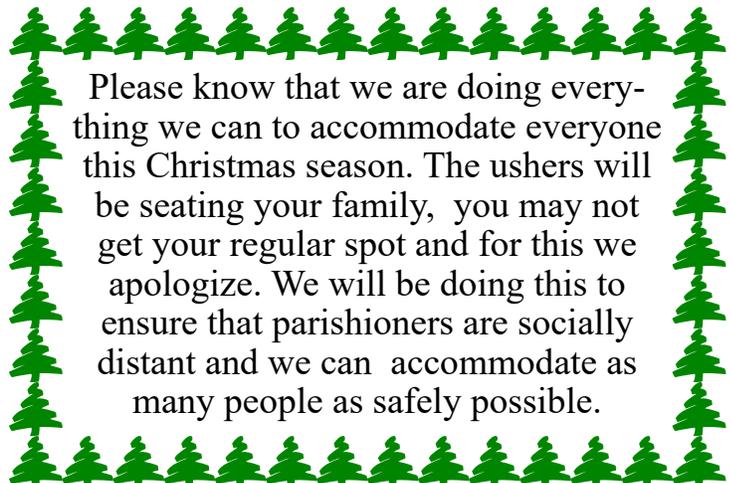
If you are shopping in the Blue Point King Kullen there is also a box to the left of the exit doors for donations.

We are most grateful to the volunteers, the parishioners and the local community who have assisted our efforts to serve those in need during these difficult times.

**Mass Intentions**  
**FOR THE WEEK**



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 15,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Marie Mannino †
11:00 AM	Marie Herman †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov 16, Ss Margaret &amp; Gertrude</b>
8:30 AM	Darin Gibson †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov 17, St Elizabeth of Hungary</b>
8:30 AM	Jacqueline Lombardi †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov 18, Dedication of the Basilica of St Peter and Paul</b>
8:30 AM	Donny Fromm †
7:30 PM	All Souls Mass of Remembrance
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 19,</b>
8:30 AM	Elenor Martin †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov 20,</b>
8:30 AM	Constance Denhaese †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 21,</b>
5:00 PM	Anthony Feore †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 22,</b>
7:30 AM	Marie Affenita †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Helen M. Smith †



Please know that we are doing everything we can to accommodate everyone this Christmas season. The ushers will be seating your family, you may not get your regular spot and for this we apologize. We will be doing this to ensure that parishioners are socially distant and we can accommodate as many people as safely possible.

## **Bulletin Reflection—by Michael Dawidziak**

There was an old advertising slogan many of us still remember that said, “When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen.” The ads featured crowds of people straining to hear the firm’s valued investment advice. The message of today’s gospel could easily be, “When Jesus Christ talks, people better listen.” Jesus is literally giving us sound and invaluable investment advice. But this isn’t mere tips on how to invest our money. Jesus is telling us to take what we’ve been given and invest it wisely in the Kingdom of Heaven. After all, our eternity is going to last much longer than our retirement.

What is Jesus telling us to invest? What are these talents that the Master in the parable entrusts to His servants? The Greek word *talanta* was used for the largest weight of currency in New Testament times. One talent alone might have qualified you to be a millionaire by today’s standards. Several talents would make you a multi-millionaire. The meaning here is that it is a large and valuable sum.

But clearly, by talents, Jesus does not refer simply to money. Our talents are the many advantages and gifts that God has given us. And they represent more than just wealth and social standing. Service is often defined by offering our “time, talent and treasure”. This parable is about not wasting any of them. We are told that the Master in the story “entrusted **his** possessions to them.” Since we are made in God’s image, the entrusted possessions are attributes of God. They are given to us on trust and they are not to squandered.

What are one’s talents? It’s a good question for all of us to ask ourselves. Notice that the Master in the story does not give each servant the same amount of talents nor were those who were given less expected to produce the same as those that got more. God gave each of us our own very special and unique talents. Too many people waste too much precious time coveting other people’s talents. It’s the biggest waste of time because it hinders us from finding our own unique talents. Discovering our talents is a necessary journey because if we don’t find them we are unlikely to use them.

Discovering our talents is only step one. The next step is to decide on how we are going to use them. We can use them selfishly to acquire money and earthly possessions or we can use them to serve God and serve others. We are not saved by our good works. Salvation is a free gift from God. But if we accept that gift, then we need to accept the responsibility that goes with it. He has entrusted us with His possessions. We need to use and invest them wisely. Just because Jesus died for us to make our salvation possible, does not mean we get can just sit back, relax and wait for His return. Think of the bumper sticker that says, “Jesus is coming, look busy”.

The third servant was fearful of his Master’s return. Why? Because he knew that he had not done what was expected of him with the advantages he was given. Remember, even one talent was a large and valuable sum of money. But he viewed God as a “demanding person” whom he could not please. The first two servants had no need to fear their Master’s return (nor death, for that matter) because they had been faithful in their duties and wise in their investments. They got to hear, “Well done, my good and faithful servant”. The obvious delight in this statement makes it clear that it *is* entirely possible to please God.

The first reading from Proverbs describes what makes a worthy wife. Notice, much like the good and faithful servants, the good wife is not idle. She is busy reaching “her hands out to the poor” and extending “her arms to the needy”. As the “Bride of Christ”, the members of His church need to be busy in the same way. So much for not wasting talent or treasure. Now how about time?

In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul writes “that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night”. His point is that Jesus will return suddenly and unexpectedly but the faithful have nothing to fear. He calls them children of the light indicating that their works are pleasing to God because they can be seen in the light of day. They are not wasting the time, talent or treasure that has been entrusted to them. Jesus gives us the correct investment strategy that leads to eternal life. We too can hear, “Well done, my good and faithful servant”. Are we listening?

*Parish Outreach*  
*Thanksgiving*  
*Christmas food and giving tree program*

This year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic we are making some necessary changes to our holiday giving program to ensure the health and safety of all. This year the holiday food baskets and giving tree gifts will be all gift cards.

How do I donate to this program?

1) May we suggest purchasing a \$25 supermarket gift card, a gift card to Target, CVS or Marshalls, or write a check to Our Lady of The Snow, and we will purchase the gift card as requested. Drop off in the collection basket at mass, or at the outreach office Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm. (A basket will be outside the outreach door for this purpose) Mail to The Outreach office at Our Lady Of The Snow, 175 Blue Point Avenue, Blue Point, NY 11715.

2) Go online to Our Lady Of The Snow website and virtually donate using PAY PAL for the desired amount to be used to purchase the gift cards. Go to Outreach heading Go to Giving-Outreach You will see the categories for your donation. We will then purchase the gift card as requested.

We would appreciate these donations as soon as possible to ensure all our families' needs are met during this very difficult economic time.

Please follow us on Facebook at OLS BP for frequent updates to our program. Please call the Outreach Office at 363-2417, Monday through Thursday 10AM - 1PM with any questions or further inquiries or leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP.

Thank you for your support  
of our ministry!



**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**  
631-363-6394/[lchristie@olsbp.com](mailto:lchristie@olsbp.com)

### **Student Bible Pickup**

Level 1 through Level 6 are receiving Bibles this year. These hardcover Bibles are for students to keep and they will be used at every lesson for all 9 years of Faith Formation. Parents of children in Levels 1-3 picked up their Bibles last week. If you weren't able to make the pickup dates last week, please come to one of the remaining nights listed below. You can pick up a Bible for children in multiple levels on the same night. Parents in Levels 4-6 are scheduled to pick up their children's Catholic Student Bibles anytime from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. in the large church on the following days:

Level 4: Monday, November 16  
Level 5: Tuesday, November 17  
Level 6: Wednesday, November 18

Thank you to the following catechists for volunteering to assist with Bible Pick-up nights: Kristin Maggi, Melissa Lessing, Corinne Baran, Lauren Hogan, Melanie Stafford, Jacqui Squillacioti, Jennifer Roberts and Tina Festa.

Does my child need the Catholic Student Bible to complete assignments? In the Google Classroom assignments there are links to the Bible online at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, so the Catholic Student Bible is not needed to complete the online assignments. Students can wait until parents pick up a Bible and still have everything they need to complete online assignments successfully.

### **Google Classroom Progress**

We are half-way through the second month of virtual learning. All classwork is asynchronous, meaning none of it is "live" and the assignments can be accessed by registered families at any time. Catechists have rosters and are on standby in the event that we can return to onsite classes. Meanwhile, in level-specific Google Classrooms, students can work at a pace that is comfortable for them. If you registered your child for 2020-2021 Faith Formation classes, you received information in the mail about signing up for Google Classroom and the Remind Ap. Please email or call Loren in the Faith Formation Office with any questions.

### **When is Virtual Work Due?**

November Assignments in the Google Classrooms for all nine levels are due the last day of November. Assignments for this year's program will be posted through March of 2021 in all nine levels. Students turn in work through their level-specific Google Classrooms.

Can Parishioners Without Children in the Program See What Students Are Learning? Yes! While access to level specific Google Classrooms is for registrants only, parishioners can see some of what students are learning by visiting [olsvc.blogspot.com](http://olsvc.blogspot.com).

*Thank you to all the parishioners who donated food items, gift cards and cash to the Boy Scouts Food drive. All items will go to our Outreach to serve the people in our area.  
**GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!!***



Respect Life Ministry is holding a Diaper Drive for the Life Center of Long Island for the month of November, (ending November 30th). Drop off unopened packages of diapers, all sizes, in the box marked "Diaper Drive" that will be in the vestibule of the Large Church next to the Respect Life Ministry Bulletin Board.

#### Prayer Presence

Respect Life Ministry continues to meet on the second Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood, located on Waverly Avenue in Patchogue, to pray a rosary for those seeking services there. All are welcome. This is a peaceful presence. Signs are provided.

#### About the Life Center:

Life Center has supported infants and their families with material aid for 34 years. They recently rebranded their three pregnancy care centers known as "AAA Pregnancy Options" to "Women First Pregnancy Options," which, according to Chief Executive Officer Gloria Schreiber, "more accurately reflects our mission: helping women first with options when they first find out they are pregnant."

